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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CASE ET (HUNT, MSGT LAMAR L.)

SUBJECT: CASE OF MSGT LAMAR HUNT

REF: STATE 11231

1. VISA NOT GRANTED FOR DEC 29 FLIGHT, NOR IN RESPONSE TO ANOTHER REQUEST TO MOFA BY LETTER FOR FLIGHT JAN 5. SOME PROGRESS HAS BEEN ACHIEVED, BUT WE NOT CERTAIN YET WHETHER IT IS SUFFICIENT PERSUADE EPMG TO ISSUE VISA.

2. MOFA PERMSEC CALLED IN DCM DEC 29 TO INFORM HIM EPMG WAS NOT ABLE CONSIDER VISA REQUEST FAVORABLE. HE MADE THREE REQUESTS WITH IMPLICATION THAT IF THEY COULD BE SATISFIED, VISA WOULD BE FORTHCOMING:

A. LETTER FROM HUNT OR EMBASSY THAT HUNT WAS RETAINING LOCAL LAWYER.

A. LETTER FROM HUNT SAYING THAT HE WOULD RETURN ABOARD ANY MAAG FLIGHT THAT TOOK HIM OUT OF COUNTRY.

C. LETTER FROM EMBASSY IN EFFECT GUARANTEEING HUNT'S RETURN.

3. DCM REJECTED (C) OUT OF HAND REPEATING TO MOFA THAT WE COULD GIVE NO SUCH GUARANTEE. HUNT DID LATER PROVIDE LETTER REQUESTED (B). NEITHER HE NOR EMBASSY COULD PROVIDE (A) BECAUSE ONCE CLAIM ENTERED FOREIGN CLAIMS ACT CHANNELS, REASON FOR RETAINING LOCAL LAWYER (IN CONFIDENTIAL

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CONNECTION WITH INSURANCE ARBITRATION) EVAPORATED, AND

HUNT SEVERED HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH HIS COUNSEL.

4. MOFA SUBSEQUENTLY TELEPHONED ON JAN 3 TO INFORM US THAT MATTER OF LEGAL REPRESENTATION WAS NOW ONLY REMAINING PROBLEM (EMBASSY GUARANTEE NOT MENTIONED). EMBASSY THEN SENT ANOTHER LETTER (EPMG MAKES NO DISTINCTION BETWEEN LETTERS AND DIP NOTES) NOTING THAT CLAIM WAS IN FOREIGN CLAIMS ACT CHANNELS AND THAT SO LONG AS CLAIM WAS UNDER CONSIDERATION, HUNT HAD NO NEED FOR LOCAL LAWYER. USG WAS SEIZED OF PROBLEM UNTIL SUCH TIME AS A DECISION WAS FORTHCOMING.

5. WE HAVE NOT HAD REPLY TO THIS LETTER WHICH NOT SURPRISING SINCE MOFA HAS BEEN ALMOST TOTALLY PREOCCUPIED WITH OAU SUMMIT CONFERENCE. WE INTEND PRESS FOR REPLY THIS WEEK AND WOULD PREFER HOLD OFF SENDING PROTEST AS REQUESTED REFTEL UNTIL WE GET IT. IF REPLY IS NEGATIVE OR EPMG PROCRASTINATES, WE PROPOSE SEND PROTEST EITHER WHEN NEGATIVE REPLY IS RECEIVED OR WEEK OF JAN 26, WHICHEVER COMES FIRST.
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